

REMARKS

Claims 1-2 and 4-8 are currently pending.

I. The Art Rejections

Claims 3 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by Schroeder et al (US 6,936,543 B2).

Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Schroeder (US '543 B2) as applied to claim 3 above, and further in view of Kon et al. US 2005/0126080 A1).

Claims 5 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Schroeder further in view of Naoyuki et al (JP 2001185514).

Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Schroeder (US '543 B2) and Kon (US '080 A1) as applied to claim 3 above, and further in view of Naoyuki (JP '514).

On pages 6 and 7 of the Office Action dated April 3, 2007, the Examiner states that claims 2 and 8 are allowable. Claim 6 has been amended to include the subject matter of general formula (I) and all the other claims have been amended to depend from allowed claims 2 and 8. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the art rejections are moot and it is requested that the art rejections be reconsidered and withdrawn.

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II. Conclusion

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that their claimed invention is allowable and ask that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102 and the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103 be reconsidered and withdrawn. Applicants respectfully submit that this case is in condition for allowance and allowance is respectfully solicited.

If any points remain at issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the local exchange number listed below.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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